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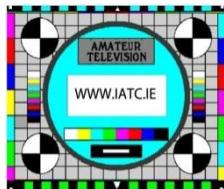
IRTS supporting Amateur Radio



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Irish Amateur Television Club



At the turn of the century, amateur television was popular but slowly diminished as most of the activity and interest was in the Dublin area. Ronnie, EI9ED, is still very much involved and offers complete and ready tuned ATV transceivers for just €99. Ronnie, in conjunction with the South Dublin Radio Club, has installed an ATV repeater on Three Rock Mountain which is orientated towards Dublin and Dundalk. More information about the Irish Amateur Television Club may be found at www.iatc.ie.

December is YOTA Month



During the month of December many countries will be on the air with the YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) suffix. It is being used to encourage young people to get on the air with the help of licensed operators or indeed to use their own callsign to gain experience. Mentor operators from EI are encouraged to use the EI0YOTA callsign, with a young person to operate. All modes and bands may be used with awards available to stations working the YOTA stations. If you would like to book a slot to operate EI0YOTA, or need more details, contact Ger McNamara, EI4GXB, at 087 2532512 or by E-mail to ei4gxb@gmail.com

IRTS 80 Metres Counties Contest

IRTS 80m Counties Contest takes place on Thursday 1st January 2015. The deadline for the submission of completed logs is January 15th and maybe submitted to contestmanager@irts.ie

RSGB Electronic Supplement



The RSGB has recently announced plans to launch RadCom Plus aimed at extending the range of technical information available to members as part of their existing subscription. The first issue is planned for spring 2015. Published in an electronic format, RadCom Plus will bring together a selection of the best and most useful advanced technical information from across the world to over 20,000 RSGB members.

Voice Repeaters in Ireland

A comprehensive list of voice repeaters and internet gateways in Ireland is available on IRTS site www.irts.ie/repeaters

IRTS AGM & Annual Rally



The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be hosting the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny on the 25th and 26th of April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner, which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm, are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Admission to the dinner is by ticket only. www.irts.ie/rallies

Caribbean Tour 2015

Once again operators Mek SP7VC, Ted SP3IPB and YL Kate SQ7OYL will be on a Caribbean tour but will also have operators Bogdan K2RPF, Zbyszek SP3CFM and Jerzy SP7TF join them. They plan to activate several islands between January 24th and February 14th in the New Year.

Autumn Party- Explore 30 metres!



The European Radio Amateurs' Organization, together with the 30 Meter Digital Group announce a new party on the air, this time with the motto: "*be digital, explore 30m*". Remember this is not a contest, it is just a radio meeting on air with a few simple recommendations. The purpose of this operation is to promote this magnificent band, all digital modes, have fun and meet other hams all over the world. Of course S.W. Listeners are also welcomed to participate. This event takes place from 00:00 Saturday 20th of December to 24:00 on Sunday the 21st of December. More info at <http://www.eurao.org/>

IRTS Technical Panel



The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience with, different aspects of amateur radio. The E-mail address irtstech@irts.ie is a single point of contact for communicating with the Panel. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems. Feel free to avail of this service.

The Imitation Game

During autumn 2013, Amateurs in the UK were asked if they could loan HRO or AR88 receivers to the company making the film entitled The Imitation Game. Many other familiar items found in ham shacks from this era could also be seen on the set. It is well worth viewing this film which covers the life and work of Alan Turing during his time at Bletchley Park.

Members Advertisements

For Sale

Yaesu FT 8900 Quad Band FM Transceiver 10m, 6m, 2m and 70 cm. Comes with MH-48A6J DTMF Mic, Separation Kit, and Quad band Mobile Whip Antenna.

All items are in original packing, only used once and in immaculate condition.

€435.00 O.N.O. and will deliver or meet half way.

Contact Steve EI5DD 087 2451218

Tarheel 300A Mobile Screwdriver Antenna, rated at 200W PEP. Covers 160 – 6m with 5ft Whip section and includes a heavy duty Breedlove solid brass ball-mount.

€400 or €350 without ball-mount.

3 Philips PRM80 2m ex PMR rigs programmed with packet and APRS frequencies – ideal for Digi.

€20 each.

Phillips FM1000 4m with PA4DEN software.

€55.

Contact Gerry EI8DRB 087 7996336

Kenwood TM-v71E 2m/70cm transceiver, DTMF mic, in perfect working order and comes with manual and original box.

€280

SignaLink SL-1+ Data-modes Interface

€50 or €300 for both items

Contact Joe EI4GX 083 1813548

Wanted

HRO 5 or Senior Receiver, BC348 and ART-13 transmitter.

Contact Jim EI2BB 087 2612428 or 057 8648589

Contests

December 2014

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

05 2200z, 42 hours – [ARRL 160m](#): CW: log Section from W/VE stations, send 599 only

13 0000z, 48 hours – [ARRL 10m](#): CW/SSB: work everyone, send Serial, log State from W/VE/XE

20 1400z, 24 hours – [Croatian Contest](#): CW: 160-10m, work everyone, exchange Serials

27 0000z, 24 hours – [RAC Winter](#): CW/SSB: 160-10m, work everyone, Serials (Province from VE)

27 1500z, 24 hours – [Stew Perry Topband](#): CW: 160m, exch. 4-character Squares, for example IO63

Every Wednesday – [CWops Mini Contests](#): CW: three separate 60-minute contests

Reminder: IRTS [80m Counties Contest](#) on 1st January

[SD by EI5DI](#) – free logging software for most CW/SSB contests from ei5di.com